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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY CODEL REUSS

REF: STATE 242490

1. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ORGANIZE VERY FULL PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSMAN REUSS AND DELEGATION. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED DATES FALL ON WEEKEND, WE FORESEE NO POTENTIAL COMPLICATONS IN REGARD TO TIMING.

2. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOC WOULD WELCOME THIS ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH U.S. CONGRESS. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHADOW ON IFI LENDING, WE BELIEVE GOC WOULD PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS TO GIVE DELEGATION MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN CHILE, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET, FINANCE MINISTER DE CASTRO, AND CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR BARDON. EMBASSY FURTHER SUGGESTS INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH A BROAD SPECTRUM TO INCLUDE DEADING
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ECONOMISTS, BUSINESSMEN, AND OTHER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COGNOSCENTI AND DECISION MAKERS. WE WOULD STRUCTURE THE DISCUSSIONS TO PROVIDE A BALANCE OF OPINION INCLUDING THOSE LESS THAN ENTHRALLED BY THE GOC'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PERFORMANCE.

3. THE LEVEL OF IFI ACTIVITIES IN CHILE IS RELATIVELY SMALL SCALE. IDB IS CURRENTLY FINANCING 250 MILLION DOLLARS OF 13

BASICALLY INFRASTRUCTURAL AND SOCIAL OVERHEAD CAPITAL PROJECTS. MOST, LOCATED IN REMOTE AREAS, HAVE LOW VISIBILITY. TYPICAL, HOWEVER, AND RELATIVELY CONVENIENT, WOULD BE PUBLIC SANITATION COMPLEX EFFORT IN VALPARAISO (2HOURS FROM SANTIAGO) AND RURAL WATER PURIFICATION PROJECT BETWEEN SANTIAGO AND VALPARAISO. MANY RURAL ELECTRIFICATION, FEEDER ROADS, AND AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AAND ASSISTANCE PROJECT, HOWEVER, ARE LOCATED AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM SANTIAGO. EVEN USING CODEL AIRCRAFT, THE MORE REMOTE PROJECTS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO VISIT GIVEN TIME CONSTRAINT OF THREE DAYS WITHOUT UNDUE SACRIFICE TO DISCUSSION TIME WITH IMPORTANT CHILEANS UNLESS DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO SPEND MORE THAN THREE DAYS IN SANTIAGO, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DELEGATION PLAN TO VISIT ONLY THE NEAREST IDB PROJECT (HALF DAY) AND SPEND BALANCE OF THE TIE (SUNDAY PROBABLY EXCLUDED) IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH WIDE VARIETY OF GOC AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THIS GENERAL PLAN IN ORDER TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH IDB OFFICE AND GOC.

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